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For: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF A METAL-ORGANIC COMPOUND  
COMPRISING AT LEAST ONE IMINE LIGAND

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January 3, 2007

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION**

Responsive to the Official Action of December 8, 2006 and the requirement for election of species presented in it, applicant elects the subject matter of specie (i) as defined in claim 1.

Please also examine the non-elected species as defined in claims 3, 4 and 5 upon allowance or allowability of the elected subject matter.

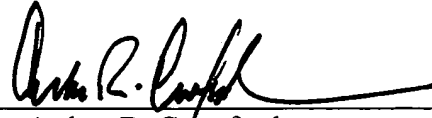
Please examine the elected subject matter on the merits taking into account the documents cited in the International Search Report in the underlying PCT application and the Information Disclosure Statement filed November 30, 2006.

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